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Milton Champion, Director
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
1940 North Monroe Street, Suite 50
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1035

Dear Director Champion:

This is a request for an investigation pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 550.105.

Until recently, an individual named Ursula O'Donnell was the trainer of record for the Free Spirit Kennel at Naples-Ft. Myers Greyhound Park. However, after learning of her past arrest on charges of felony animal cruelty and criminal conspiracy, she has been asked by track ownership to leave this position. We are grateful to the track owners, particularly Izzy Havenick, for this decision. However, we remain concerned that Ms. O'Donnell was provided an occupational license by the Division at all.

Enclosed, you will find information on Ms. O'Donnell, including her 2002 fugitive warrant and a check for \$230 she apparently provided to Robert Rhodes before they were both arrested. It was alleged that this check paid for the disposal of greyhounds by gunshot.

We currently have in our possession the DBPR investigative file regarding Ms. O'Donnell. We question the Division's decision to license an individual that it had thoroughly investigated, and referred to law enforcement for prosecution.

We recognize that the charges against Ms. O'Donnell were dropped when Mr. Rhodes died and other witnesses refused to testify against her. However, the fact remains that the Division is in possession of clear evidence that Ms. O'Donnell participated in a conspiracy that led to the deaths of a large number of greyhounds by gunshot.

Due to recent developments, we ask that the Division open an investigate to determine whether it has the statutory authority to revoke Ms. O'Donnell's occupational license, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 550.105 (8). As you know, this section allows for revocation based on false statements made during an investigation. We also believe that it is not in the best interest of racing for Ms. O'Donnell to continue to hold an occupational license.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If I may be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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